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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant: Shotey, et al. Docket No.: SHOT-10263
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PLATE

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Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This application is a continuation of patent application by Shotey, et al. entitled "UNIVERSAL COVER PLATE", serial number 10/602,271, filed June 23, 2003; which is a continuation of patent application by Shotey, et al. entitled "UNIVERSAL COVER PLATE", serial number 10/066,071, filed February 1, 2002; which is a continuation of patent application by Shotey, et al. entitled "UNIVERSAL PLATE", serial number 09/657,352, filed September 7, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference. Please accept the following preliminary amendment and please amend the continuation application filed herewith as follows:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH THIS STATEMENT IS AFFIXED IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, POSTAGE PAID, AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON: March 31, 2004

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